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New Testament

Open Discussion 1

Lesson 8

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I believe the new perspectives of Paul shed more light and insight that is necessary for understanding the New Testament believers. According to one of the readings in this week's lesson, One thing that challenged my perspective was the way the Jews perceived Paul. The reading states how Jews traditionally perceived Paul to have either failed to understand the Torah or rejected it due to personal weakness. I agree with the reading in regards to Paul stating his identity still remaining as a Jew. The scripture that was mentioned was 1 Cor 7:17-24, with Paul stating that people should remain in the state that they were in, while keeping the commandments of God.

Response to Miguel

Thank you for the way you introduced the "new perspectives of Paul". It was nice to see how you described it as a movement that challenges the traditional understandings of Apostle Paul. Interesting point you brought up of James Dunn, stating his perspective of Paul as one who wanted to unite the Gentile and Jews.

Response Ashlyn Mesidor

Interesting point that you made Ashlyn. I agree that it is important to understand the historical context surrounding the writings of Apostle Paul. It aids a lot in the interpretation of the New Testament and how others viewed his writings.